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A.—No candidate with L.M.P. qualification has been appointed direct as honorary assistant surgeon or assistant physician. One honorary clinical assistant (sub-assistant surgeon according to the old designation) has been appointed honorary assistant surgeon, as he has put in the minimum period of service as clinical assistant, prescribed in the rules relating to the appointment of honorary medical officers.

Mr. G. SIMHACHALAM PANTULU:—"May I ask whether any rules have been framed by the Government with regard to the appointment of these honorary surgeons?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"Yes; there are rules."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—"May I know whether this gentleman who has been appointed was in Government service, or whether he is a retired official?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—"I have no information."

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Extension of the Mussalman Wakf Act XLII of 1923 *to the Madras Presidency.*

* 702 *Q.*—Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Mussalman Wakf Act XLII of 1923 has been extended to this Presidency;

(*b*) if so, from what date;

(*c*) how many mutavallis (or managers of wakf properties) have filed statements under sub-sections (1) and (3) of section 3 and how many mutavallis have submitted statements of accounts prescribed by section 5 of the Act;

(*d*) whether the Government have prosecuted, as required by section 10, the mutavallis who have failed to file the above statements;

(*e*) if not, why not;

(*f*) whether the Government have framed rules as required by section 11 of the Act; and

(*g*) if not, when they propose to do so?.

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) From 1st January 1932.

(*c*) The Government have no information.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) No cases have been brought to the notice of the Government.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) The question does not arise.

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Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—" With reference to answer (c), in view of the fact that the funds of these endowments are misappropriated, will the Government be pleased to get information as to how many of these managers have filed statements as required by section 3 of the Act and how many of them have filed accounts as required by section 5 of the Act?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" The question has been answered more than once. Under the Act these returns have to be submitted to the courts and not to the Government."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—" Evidently the Act is a dead letter. Will the Hon. Minister kindly see that the Act is put into proper effect?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" A private Member has given notice of a Bill; I think it will come before the Council shortly."

Khan Bahadur MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur:—" Will the Government be pleased to prosecute the managers who have failed to file the accounts?"

The Hon. the RAJA OF BOBBILI:—" It is the business of the person who is interested to apply to the court and it is not the duty of the Government."

Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM:—" Will the Hon. the Minister be pleased to state if a regular prosecution is at all contemplated by the Act, or if it be only the imposition of fines by the district courts which have exclusive jurisdiction in the matter?"

Irrigation

Conference between the Madras and Mysore Governments regarding the diminution of water-supply to the ryots in the adjoining British area.

* 703 *Q.*—Mr. G. LAKSHMANA REDDI: Will the Hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that representatives of the Madras and Mysore Governments recently met at a conference to consider the grievances of the ryots of the British area adjoining the Mysore territory as regards alleged diminution of water-supply; and

(*b*) if so, whether the Government will be pleased to state the result of the conference?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An agreement was entered into between the two Governments, a copy[a] of which is placed on the table.

[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 333–335 infra.